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**MODULAR MOLECULAR HALOGEN GAS
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Dear Sir:

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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B forms be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that a search has been made or that this art is material to patentability of the present application. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of Applicants' above-referenced patent is patentably distinguishable from these references.

Applicants believe no fees are due, however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due, or refund any credit, to Deposit Account No. 50-0456 of Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich LLP for any fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).

Respectfully submitted,

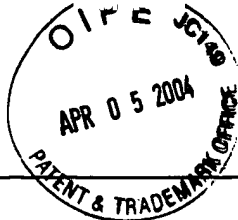
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